

Cleveland HS PTSA General Meeting Notes

January 9, 2024

Attendees: Madeline Moy, Denise Dennis, Castalia Simon, Jeffrey Lam, Nina Tran, Jaerlene Quinto, Kara Jones, Anna Yoshido, Corrina Tanabe, Tom Jackson, Leah Alvarado, Gillian Burlingham, Jennifer and Zach Stanley, Debra Hanson, Louise Walkerman, Ileene Tanabe

Celebrations:

We met our Fall Fundraising goal and raised over \$5000

December Staff Appreciation Event was a success

Castalia Simon is our new PTSA Vice President

Announcements:

We are looking for a new PTSA Events Chair. Anyone interested can connect with us after the meeting or contact us via our email chseaglesptsa@gmail.com.

Cleveland Food Pantry needs volunteers every week to pick up food donations in the Central District, unload food, and stock the pantry in the Cleveland cafeteria. The schedule can be flexible. Many students access food pantry to get them through the weekend, so the need is highest at the end of the week and before school breaks. Interested parties can contact Amy Hasiguchi at athashiguchi@seattleschools.org.

Message from Principal Lam:

Big thanks for Staff Appreciation in December. Other principals were impressed by the photos that Principal Lam shared.

Our graduation falls on Eid. This impacts our Muslim population. Lam is in discussion with Central Office to get the date changed. Some student groups are organizing as well. Garfield and Center School are also impacted by this. Lam does not know what goes into the scheduling so not sure if it is a possibility to change the date but trying to.

A licensed mental health clinician is coming here one full day per week starting soon. There are other organizations coming to provide support as well. Creating space for people to meet for counseling.

Entering budget season, starts after mid-winter break. We get a budget allocation, how many teachers and how much money in discretionary funds. Family income survey impacts this.

Anticipating budget cuts, even worse than last year. \$30M shared across the schools, \$100M cut to central office. Looking for creative strategies, such as asking the Chinese govt to fund our Chinese teacher, as an example.

Q: What can community do to support the budget process?

A: Time between budget allocation to creating budget is 3 weeks! Tight turnaround! Will share updates at future PTSA meetings. Will engage community in where cuts get made. Want families and students to help make these challenging decisions.

Elective options are often on the chopping block. We have twice as many science classes than other schools, we may take a hit there.

Q: Will budget cuts impact effort to increase AP offerings?

A: Probably not, these don't come with a lot of extra costs. Teacher training is the main cost. Many people have mixed feelings about the College Board, which controls AP testing. The administration is looking in to other opportunities besides AP, such as UW credit courses in humanities and languages. These classes are low risk. If a student gets a good grade, it will go on their college transcript. If they get a low grade, they can opt to not have the grade go on their college transcript. Cleveland staff are meeting with UW representatives tomorrow (1/10) to discuss.

Q: Do we have an Building Leadership Team (BLT)? And is there family representation?

A: Yes we have BLT, but no family representation. Would like to have multiple students/families.

Q: If graduation cannot be moved, can we have a separate Muslim graduation, possibly with other schools?

A: Looking into possibility of separate graduation. 25-30% of population is East African, and a large percentage of them are Muslim. There are also Muslim staff members who are affected by this.

Asian Student Union Presentation - Lunar New Year Festival

Lunar New Year celebration is scheduled for Tuesday Feb 13th. There will be activities and food at 6pm-7:30 and performances at 7:30-8pm. Purpose of event is to bring in community to celebrate lunar new year.

The festival will be held on the first floor of building 2. The intent is to have a night market feel, with dim lighting and fairy lights. There will be a raffle table for other clubs to create gift baskets and other prizes.

Food will be free, thanks to the mental health grant.

There will be activities and a bingo sheet. Completion of a bingo sheet will get you a raffle ticket.

Activities include red envelope decorating, calligraphy demonstration, pin the tail on the dragon, Bau cua ca cop (Vietnamese gambling game), origami table, Chopsticks game, Vietnamese horse board game. There may also be a photobooth.

Performances include lion dance, fan dance and kpop dance. Reaching out to other schools for other performances.

Raffle will be after performances.

The ASU is looking for a caterer and also for parent volunteers to set up, take down help with food service and activities.

Q: How many adult volunteers will be needed?

A: 10-20.

Q: Do you expect students only to attend, or families?

A: Families and community.

QR code to sign up will be shared out by the PTSA

ASB update – Corri Tanabe

Multicultural night was a success.

ASB is running the MLK Day assembly and Black History month activities

MLK Day assembly is next week.

Winter Formal is being organized by the Junior ASB. Tickets will be \$20-\$25 for students, \$30-35. Juniors have ordered decorations already.

ASB is starting to work on ordering Prom decorations.

ASB is planning to host a talent show, spring festival, spring dance or other activity before end of school year. We will discuss Winter Formal details later this meeting.

Q: Are only juniors allowed at the Winter Formal dance?

A: No, all students are welcome at the dance.

Winter formal date conflicts with wrestling metro tournament. Wrestlers may be allowed to come for free, since they will be late.

Spring Auction

CHS had a spring auction for 11 years. Last one was in 2019. We are bringing it back on May 18th, 2024 at Centilia Cultural Center. Capacity is 400, we hope to pack it. Looking for some brainstorming on four topics.

Theme – Previous themes include: red and white, Disco inferno, Under the sea

What are good auction items?

Do you know people who can donate something?

Event Activities – what else can we do at the event that is fun? Student club performances, demo from the robotics club, music performance.

Meeting attendees wrote their ideas on sticky notes. Madeline Moy collected the notes.

Winter formal discussion – Corri Tanabe

Need to discuss with ASB about catering. They have reached out to caterers so we need to confirm what is needed for food for the dance. Denise Dennis to confirm with Trisha Pilapil if PTSA is providing food and beverage for the dance.

They have hired security guards, but will need coat check.

They will need help with decorations, storing them for the weekend. They will be sending out a form today.

There will be a Zoom meeting on Jan 16th to discuss PTSA participation in the Winter Formal.

The theme is A Night in Paris. People are encouraged to begin thinking about what types of snacks can be made that have a Parisian theme.